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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

REF: STATE 66941

1. FOLLOWING IS BEST AVAILABLE DATA IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REFTEL. ALL PRICES ARE IN U.S. CENTS PER POUND. PLEASE NOTE THAT PERU'S CURRENCY IS GRADUALLY DEPRECIATING VIS-A-VIS THE DOLLAR, SO THAT PRICES GIVEN BELOW OR SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

2. AVERAGE PRODUCTION COSTS

A. TOTAL: FOR 1976 THE AVERAGE COST WAS APPROXIMATELY 9.6 CENTS PER LB. FOR 1977 THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE COST IS APPROXIMATELY 8.6 CENTS PER LB.

B. AND C. VARIABLE AND FIXED COSTS
PERUVIAN SOURCES COULD NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC DATA ON AVERAGE
VARIABLE ANF FIXED COSTS. HOWEVER, THEY SAID THAT WHEN THE
EXPORT PRICE IS 7.5 CENTS PER LB., VARIABLE COSTS ARE COVERED.
WHEN THE EXPORT PRICE IS 9.2-9.3 CENTS PER LB., BOTH VARIABLE
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AND FIXED COSTS ARE COVERED.

3. AVERAGE DOMESTIC PRICE PAID TO FARMERS.
PERUVIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY CONSISTS OF COOPERATIVES.
THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE SUGAR PRODUCERS. THE PRICE
COOPERATIVES RECEIVE IS THE EXPORT PRICE LESS THE COST OF
PRODUCTION AND THE EXPORT TAX (21.45 PERCENT OF FOB VALUE).

- 4. RETAIL CONSUMER PRICE.
- A. REFINED SUGAR-8.5 CENTS PER LB.
- B. MOST COMMON (BROWN)-6.7 CENTS PER LB.
- $5.\ AVERAGE\ UNIT\ VALUE\ OF\ EXPORT\ SHIPMENTS.$

1975: 28.15 CENTS PER LB. 1976: 13.20 CENTS PER LB.

6. THERE ARE NO PREFERENTIAL SHIPMENTS. THE PRICE OF LAST SUGAR EXPORTED (MARCH 24, 1977) WAS 9.5 CENTS PER LB. DEAN

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